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Monica Grant Is Coming To Town!

SACWN is fortunate to introduce a unique singer, songwriter and comedian to the Sacramento area. Growing up as a child on Long Island, Monica Grant was the classic family clown who wrote songs about her feelings and the family's dysfunction. As she grew older, Monica focused on developing her musical abilities but never relinquished her passion for comedy. Today she is one of the hottest up-and-coming comedians in the Bay Area. Monica produced her first tape "Harbor Girl" in 1989 and her latest release is titled "The Heart Of It." SACWN invites you to take a break from your troubles and worries to laugh with a woman who takes comedy and smoothly blends it with music. It will be a performance that will touch both your funny bone and your heart. **This event is for women 21 years and older.**

DATE:	SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 1992
PLACE:	Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd. (between Howe and Fulton, north of Fair Oaks Blvd.)
TIME:	7:30 pm Networking 8:00 pm Concert begins
TICKETS:	\$10 PRE-REGISTERED MEMBERS \$9 PRE-REGISTERED LIMITED INCOME \$13 NON-MEMBERS AND AT-THE-DOOR MEMBERS

A Message from the Steering Committee

Check out the NEW LOOK of this newsletter. You're enjoying benefits of the creative energies of our Production wizard, Marta Kravech. Marta has incorporated the newer SACWN logo, some new type faces, her design talents, and ideas we've received from many of you over recent months to give our letter a new face and feel - we hope you like it. Many thanks, Marta!

I forgot to remind you that there would be no July newsletter because there was no July event. Linda got lots of calls at our office asking "where is my newsletter?!" I apologize for not announcing it in the June letter. This will also be true of December, since there's no event that month.

We're working on 1993 programs now, and looking for ideas. Call Rosy or Jane at the numbers on this page ASAP - who would you like to see/hear? If you have Dance ideas, call Joan as well. Do you prefer the Unitarian House to Cal Expo or other places? Shall we eliminate food to reduce ticket prices?

Elsewhere in this issue you'll see an article about the upcoming Board training being sponsored by SACWN and a coalition of other Sacramento women's groups called COSWO. If you've thought about being more involved, getting on a community board or committee, check out this workshop on September 12. Board service is work, but it's also fun, rewarding, and gives us a voice in our community through you.

I hope you are having a great summer.

Rosy

Rosemary Metrailler
Corporate Coordinator

Upcoming Event

Mark your calendar now for buffet dinner and Friday Nite at the Movies with SACWN on September 18 at the Clarion. Remember Pam Walton of Stanford and her award-winning film about lesbians, "Out In Suburbia"? Well, Pam will be back with us in September with the film, some of her "stars," and she will also treat us to the Sacramento premiere of her new documentary film, "Gay Youth," which is already receiving rave reviews in the Bay Area. We expect this new film to be of special interest to those of you who are teachers, therapists, parents, aunties, etc. Tell your friends, and watch this newsletter for further details next month.

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Volunteer Job Board

Reward: 1/2 price admission for event helpers, your name in print for newsletter, fun and satisfaction for all!

Monthly - 2 hours - writers for newsletter. Call Rosy, 447-7255.
August 15, September 18, October 31
- 2 hours - help at the door at events. Call Linda at 486-8985.
Special Interest Groups - facilitators needed for Top Ten (over 50), self-employed, and bicycling groups. Call Ellie at 967-3513.

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Special Interest Groups -- August

A thank you to Ariel of Top Ten for creating this very successful S.I.G. and facilitating it for three years! As Ariel is retiring from this position, we need a new facilitator for this group. Call me if you'd like to know what's involved in doing this job.

I've had a suggestion for a group of women starting their own business or for those who own their own business. As some of you know, we had a self-employed group in the past that was very successful. Anybody interested? How about a bicycling group? Call me if you're interested in these groups, or if you have an idea for other new S.I.G. groups.

For those members who faithfully read this column, we really appreciate your interest in S.I.G.s. If you have a couple of extra hours a month to donate to SACWN programs or to our newsletter, please check our "Volunteer Board" in this newsletter. We value your input about different types of programs or activities you'd like SACWN to be doing.

Ellie Zacks 967-3513

BRIDGE

Join the fun-loving women of the SACWN bridge club. We will be playing Sunday, August 9 and 23 at 4 pm. Call Suzy at 1-678-3581.

GOLF

Calling all duffers! I know there are golfers out there, so let's get together. Players of all abilities are welcome. Depending on the level, we may divide the group. I'd like to start playing on Thursdays. If you want to play on August 13 after 5 pm, call Judy at 339-1785 before August 10. I will call you back with a tee time.

SOCIAL CONNECTION

This group will be having its second annual raft trip on August 23 at 11 am. We'll be celebrating a birthday as well, so we'll drift down the river eating cake. Call Joan, 795-1336.

LATE-BLOOMERS

The Late Bloomers will be meeting August 12 and we're looking forward to meeting new people. We are six people at this time. We'll be teaming up with other SIGs within SACWN. So give us a call and join us for coffee. Call Susan at 641-1887.

CULTURE CLUB

This group is taking a summer break.

TOP TEN

Top Ten is for the 10% of SACWN membership age 50 and up and their friends. We have 45 women members, many of whom have not reached their golden years. We meet once a month on the second Sunday for dinner later in the month as well. A new facilitator is needed for this group. Call Ellie, 967-3513.

DAVIS OVER 30

Our July event was a picnic in Solano County Park on July 18. Call Jody or Jean for August date 758-6746.

OUTINGS

Nancy 452-6007 or 454-5847.

SECOND STAGE RECOVERY

We have evolved into a close group of sharing friends celebrating our growth and recovery. If you have at least one year in a 12 step recovery program and are looking for a safe, supportive, loving environment to continue your discovery through recovery, we'll be opening up to new members in the fall. Call Ann, 927-6038.

RAINBOW CAMPERS

Events for the summer are: August 22 and 23 — Coloma September 5, 6, and 7 — the Women's Festival at Yosemite September 19 and 20 — Bullards Bar. Call Jayne, 921-6642.

WOMEN SURVIVING BREAKUP

Gabrielle, 442-0891

THE RELATIONSHIP FORUM

Our next meeting is on 9th. Our goal is to learn about what makes relationships work for us. We listen to tapes, share readings and watch videos. Call Sandy, 933-0670.

WOMEN'S WORDS (formerly PLAY-READING)

This group is on summer break.

BASKETBALL

We are reorganizing this group, so if you're interested in playing, call. Maggie, 456-1420.

NEWCOMERS

This group welcomes anyone new to SACWN or Sacramento, plus those who prefer a smaller group. We get together for dinner once a month. Call Nancy, 454-5847.

THIRTYSOMETHING

We're having pizza, swimming and music on Saturday, August 22. Call Sherie, 361-8537.

SOFTBALL

Linda 446-9416.

HIKING

Join us on August 22, we're headed to Carson Pass for a trek that promises to be worth the wait. Call Karen at 753-6670 for all the details.

The Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council

What exactly is the Town Council? Where is the Town Council going? What does it expect to accomplish?

These are a few of the most commonly asked questions about the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council. Before we begin to answer them, let us take a look into the past at what the Town Council **USED** to be...

The Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council (SLGTC) was started nearly two years ago as a satellite group of the Lambda Center. It was to be an entity that would productively bring together many of the organizations, businesses and individuals that form a large part of the Sacramento Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community. The Council was to provide a meeting place for those who felt that a collective voice could help channel the energies from different groups and businesses for the benefit of the community.

Having a roster made up of representatives from many varied groups, communication was difficult. Many innovative ideas were brought to light and the Council began to take form. At this point, the exact purpose of the Town Council came under debate. Several prominent members were lost due to a serious separation of opinion as to whether the Council was simply a forum to exchange information or was an action body. The Council survived this difficult time and forged ahead, slowly and mostly unnoticed, and finally began to emerge as a means of exchange of information among the community.

The Town Council's ideals remain relatively the same. As to whether the Council is an entity to exchange information or whether it is an action body...it is both. Membership is open to any organization or association which has a primary purpose of supporting gay and lesbian issues. Membership is also open to businesses which regularly engage in planning activities for the community, as well as those that are gay owned and gay supportive. (SACWN is a member of the Council and Jayne Rountree serves as our representative. Call her if you are interested in joining the group.)

Meetings are held the second Monday of each Month at the County Administration Building at 7th and H Streets. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Secretary Scott Farrell at (916) 448-0422.

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Hate Violence Prevention Report

The Commission on the Prevention of Hate Violence has recently issued its final report, which addresses the causes of hate violence, the sharp increase in reported incidents of hate violence in this state and the steps that must be taken to end California's hate violence epidemic. The report also contains 31 recommendations for actions to be undertaken by federal, state and local governments, schools, community groups, law enforcement officials and others concerned with hate violence.

Among the key recommendations are: hate crimes reporting procedures by both schools and local

law enforcement; training and curriculum assistance for teachers to raise students' awareness of issues of bias and tolerance; targeted counseling and alternative sentencing programs for youthful hate crime offenders so that their bigotry can be unlearned; state and local government funding for hate violence prevention at the same level as for locking up perpetrators; recognition and action by the entertainment industry for more positive portrayals of minorities in industry products, and for creating rewards for products which oppose prejudice and bigotry and support tolerance and respect; and the elimination by political and religious leaders of the use of racist and homophobic tactics for innuendo or shock value.

The Commission's report is available for a small charge. Contact Lt. Governor Leo McCarthy's office at 445-8994 for more information.

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Serve On A Public Board/Commission

On September 12, the Coalition of Sacramento Women's Organizations (COSWO), of which SACWN is a member, will be holding a special workshop on "How to Get Appointed to a Board or Commission and What To Do Once You Get There". The workshop will be held in the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 700 H Street from 9:00 am to noon and will include information on leadership training and parliamentary procedures as well. If

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Calendar of Events

SACWN Events

August 15 - Comic/singer monica Grant, Unitarian Hall.

September 18 Filmmaker Pam Walton & Movies, Clarion Hotel

October 31 Halloween dance, Unitarian Hall

Community Events

September 12 Board Training Workshop, Supervisor's Chambers. Call 985-3327.

Mondays Women's Rap & Social 7-9pm. Stop Smoking - a drop-in self-help program at 5:30. Both at the Lambda Center. Call 442-0185.

Tuesdays Being Gay Today, 10pm on Cable 18.

Thursdays Women's Coming Out Group 6-7:30 Call Lambda Center 442-0185.

Fridays Country Western Dance at 7:30pm at MCC. Call 454-4726.

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you are interested in getting more involved in the community and public service, this should be extremely helpful to you.

In August, COSWO will release the results of its study analyzing the gender and ethnic composition of appointees to City and County boards and commissions. Preliminary results indicate that the City has increased the percentage of women on boards and commissions since 1987, but the

County's percentage has remained unchanged. There is also a real lack of representation on the "power boards" as opposed to more traditional commissions. A goal of COSWO is to help more women get appointed, and thus the workshop being presented this fall. Copies of the study will be sent to all of COSWO's member organizations at the beginning of August.

Questions about the study or the workshop should be directed to Margo Fowkes, COSWO CoChair, at 264-1504 (w) or 985-3327 (h).

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Lambda Center Announces Outreach Training

Kicking off the 1992-93 grant year, the Lambda Community Center is pleased to announce its next series of Safer Sex Outreach

trainings for men and women. Trainings instruct potential volunteers in the finer points of safer sex, risk reduction, and HIV transmission, and prepare trainees to participate in the most central activity of the Center's AIDS prevention programs. As a new component of these programs, we will be engaging Lesbians in a dialogue as to their potential risk for HIV. The Center is actively seeking women to participate in this new goal, as well as in general outreach to Gay and bisexual men and youth.

Outreach trainings are held the last Tuesday of every month (excepting December) at the Center, 1931 L Street. For more information, interested persons should call John, Craig, Mike, Chris, or Franklin, at 442-0185.

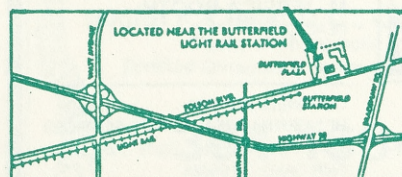
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Many THANKS also to Joan Thissell, her dance committee, and Jammin' Jo who put on a most enjoyable event afterward where we truly celebrated our gay pride and lesbian sisterhood, dancing the night away.

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- you wouldn't know a "living" trust from a dead one,

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